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Remove all Genetically Engineered Foods from Market

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I believe it is becoming apparent that the US policy in regard to producing, labeling, and selling Genetically Engineered foods is being called in to question all over the world. Rightfully so! Since there are definitely many unknown risks to consuming genetically engineered food the American public should not be used as Guinea Pigs by the food industry no matter how much they pay for the privilege.

As has already happened in the European refusal to take our hormone laced meat, the putting of genetically engineered foods on the market will eventually backfire. To put such foods on the market without labeling them as potentially dangerous to your health is worse than doing the same with cigarettes and alcohol. At least we have a pretty good idea of the consequences of addiction to those substances. No one yet knows the consequences to ourselves and future generations of consuming genetically engineered foods on a daily basis. Would you want to be the one this food is tested on? Would you want your children to be used for such tests.?

No genetically engineered foods should be allowed in the marketplace until \_proven safe\_ singly and in combination, for several generations. Those foods already in the marketplace should be recalled. The issue of labeling those foods is irrelevant if the foods are not out there to begin with. Labeling is better than nothing- but it is not nearly enough.

Peace, Love & Harmony, Beverly B. Ferguson

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